

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an Interview with Applicant's Representative Rick Toering on 8-2-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 18-26 and 35-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Status of Claims

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rick Toering on 2 August 2007.

2. The Application has been amended as follows:
Claims 10 and 27 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1, 3-10, 18, 20-27 and 35-37 have been allowed.

Reasons For Allowance

4. The present invention is directed to identifying data stored on a network. Claim 1 recites "generating, at the intermediary, a combined address that identifies both an intermediary address associated with the intermediary and an object address that is determined based on the request". To the Examiner this is merely hyperlinking. For example, Bezos et al. teach a user going to an

intermediary (i.e. associate) ('141, figure 1, item 100) and while at the intermediary the user goes to a webpage that advertises a book that he/she would like to purchase ('141, figure 6). To make a purchase the user clicks on a link on said webpage ('141, figure 6, item 608) which takes the user to a book seller webpage to purchase the book (figure 8). The Examiner is of the opinion that the intermediary webpage is generated by the intermediary's server, where the webpage displays the book ('141, figure 6). Hence, Bezos et al. teach a [webpage] address (figure 6) *"that identifies... an intermediate address associated with the intermediary"*. However, the [webpage] address also identifies the book's webpage or object address at the second website, therefore the prior art also teaches *"an object address"* and this address is *"determined based on the request"* as in order to properly redirect the user, the first website has to determine the book's webpage at the second website. The Board however, disagreed with the Examiner's assessment of the prior art and has determined that the intermediary (i.e. associate) address of the intermediary ('141, figure 1, item 100, figure 6) of Bezos et al. "is not generated at the associate and does not identify the requested object's address".

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- The Atlantic Monthly; July 1945; Vannevar Bush, As We May Think; Volume 176, No. 1; 101-108
- "Web-related applications power productivity and partnering", Doherty et al., Building Design & Construction, Oct 1996, v 37, Iss. 10, pgs 63-68
- Mayer discloses a system and method for voiced interface with hyperlinked information
- Desmond discloses hyperlinking wherein an address is modified at a device and a combined address is transmitted to a modem

5. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Calvin Loyd Hewitt II whose telephone

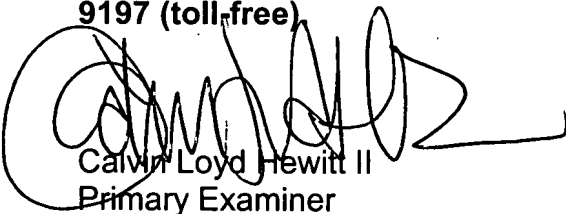
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number is (571) 272-6709. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer, can be reached at (571) 272-6779.

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